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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRIMIN DEMIREL TO PRESIDENT FORD

REF: STATE 244266

1. ON THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 22, MFA SEC GEN ELEKDAG CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE IN ORDER TO GIVE ME THE FOLLOWING REPLY FROM PRIMIN DEMIREL TO PRESIDENT FORD. ELEKDAG APOLOGIZED FOR DELAY IN PREPARATION OF THIS RESPONSE BUT SAID THAT THIS WAS BECAUSE THE PRIMIN HAD WORKED ON IT PERSONALLY.

2. AFTER HANDING ME PRIMIN'S MESSAGE, ELEKDAG TURNED CONVERSATION TO FORTHCOMING US-TURK NEGOTIATIONS OF REVISED DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT. (HIS REMARKS BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL.)

3. TEXT OF DEMIREL'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD FOLLOWS:
BEGIN MESSAGE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AMBASSADOR
MACOMBER HAS CONVEYED TO ME YOUR MESSAGES OF OCTOBER 3RD
AND OCTOBER 15TH, 1975.

I AGREE WITH YOU ON THE NEED TO WORK TO REVITALIZE OUR
SECURITY RELATIONSHIP AND TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS TOWARD A CYPRUS
SETTLEMENT.

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NO DOUBT THE RECENT DECISION OF THE CONGRESS ON ARMS
SUPPLY TO TURKEY REPRESENTS A POSITIVE FIRST STEP
TOWARD THE RESTORATION OF OUR MUTUAL SECURITY RELATIONSHIP.
BUT I WOULD BE LESS THAN FRANK IF I DID NOT EMPHASIZE HERE THE
DISAPPOINTMENT FELT IN TURKEY OVER THE SERIOUS LIMITATIONS AND
CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THIS RESOLUTION UNDER WHICH TURKEY
STILL CONTINUES TO BE SUBJECT OF DISCRIMINATION NOT ONLY AMONG
THE ALLIES OF THE UNITED STATES BUT ALSO AMONG SOME
COUNTRIES WITH WHOM YOUR COUNTRY HAS NO ALLIANCE RELATIONSHIP.

HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT, IN ANY WAY, AFFECT OUR FEELINGS
OF APPRECIATION FOR THE VALUABLE EFFORTS THAT YOU, MR. PRESIDENT,
YOUR ADMINISTRATION AND THOSE WHO SUPPORTED OUR CASE IN THE
CONGRESS HAVE DEPLOYED TO REMEDY THE UNFORTUNATE SITUATION
CREATED BY THE CONGRESS DECISION OF FEBRUARY 5TH, 1975.

YOU ARE AWARE OF THE GREAT VALUE WE ATTACH TO OUR
FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES AND OF
OUR VERY SINCERE DESIRE TO REVITALIZE THEM. I KNOW THAT
THIS FEELING IS RECIPROCATED BY THE UNITED STATES. THEREFORE,
I BELIEVE THAT THE TASK AHEAD OF US IS TO WORK OUT FOR OUR
BILATERAL DEFENCE COOPERATION A STABLE CONCEPT WHICH WILL
REFLECT A SOUND BALANCE BETWEEN OUR MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES AND WHICH WILL BE IMMUNE FROM ANY INTER-
VENTION INCONSISTENT WITH OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS AND THE
FRIENDLY FEELINGS THAT BOTH NATIONS HAVE FOR EACH OTHER.

IT IS WITH THIS SINCERE BELIEF THAT THE TURKISH
GOVERNMENT, DESPITE THE SERIOUS SHORTCOMINGS OF THE RECENT
DECISION OF THE CONGRESS, HAS DECIDED TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS
TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUR FUTURE BILATERAL DEFENCE
COOPERATIONS. OUR DETERMINED AIM WOULD BE TO COME TO A
RAPID AGREEMENT SO THAT OUR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATIONS
COULD BE RESUMED WITHOUT DELAY. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR RESUMED
COOPERATION WILL BE MORE STABLE AND DURABLE IF BEFOREHAND
UNCERTAINTIES AND DOUBTS COULD BE REMOVED AND A SOUND
CONCEPT COULD BE WORKED OUT. AN EARLY RESUMPTION ON AN UNSTABLE
BASIS WILL, IN MY VIEW, BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FOR A MORE STABLE
FUTURE RELATIONSHIP WHICH WE ALL SINCERELY DESIRE TO ACHIEVE.

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MR. PRESIDENT, YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT DURING THE
MEETINGS WHICH WE HAD IN BRUSSELS AND IN HELSINKI, I HAD
STRESSED THAT WE SHOULD REFRAIN FROM INJECTING INTO OUR
RELATIONS THE COMPLEXITY AND THE MALAISE OF ISSUES SUCH AS THE
CYPRUS PROBLEM OR THE TURKISH-GREEK DISPUTE AND THAT THE
REGRETTABLE ATTITUDE OF THE U.S. CONGRESS TO LINK THE PROBLEM
OF CYPRUS WITH THE TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS AS A WHOLE WOULD
NOT ONLY BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, AS IT WOULD RENDER MORE

DIFFICULT THE ENDEAVOURS FOR A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION OF
THIS PROBLEM, BUT ALSO CAUSE UNDUE HARM TO OUR RELATIONS.

I AM CONVINCED TODAY MORE THAN EVER THAT FIRST TO
REVITALIZE OUR RELATIONS AND THEN TO MAINTAIN THEM INTACT, BOTH
THE UNITED STATES AND TURKEY SHOULD DISPLAY UTMOST CARE NOT
TO IMMIX IN THESE RELATIONS ISSUES ALIEN TO THEIR REAL
CONTEXT.

THIS BEING OUR STAND, NOW I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU
ABOUT THE VIEWS OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IN THE CYPRUS
QUESTION FOR ACHIEVING PROGRESS TOWARDS ITS SETTLEMENT.

AS IS KNOWN TURKEY HAS MADE PUBLIC VIEWS CONCERNING
A VIABLE POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM. THE BITTER
EXPERIENCES OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY IN THE LAST
TWELVE YEARS HAVE STRONGLY DICTATED THE CONDITIONS OF SUCH
A SOLUTION WHICH ARE A BI-ZONAL FEDERAL STATE WITH LIMITED
POWERS FOR THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF BOTH COMMUNITIES ON AN EQUAL FOOTING.

WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IS
READY TO ENCOURAGE THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE IN THE INTER-COMMUNAL
TALKS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY THE
SETTING UP OF THE FEDERAL STATE ALONG THE ABOVE MENTIONED
PRINCIPLES SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE BORDER REARRANGEMENTS.

IN THIS RESPECT I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT,
THAT TURKEY AND THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS SINCERELY DESIRE TO
FIND A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM THROUGH SERIOUS AND
BUSINESS-LIKE NEGOTIATIONS. I CANNOT OVEREMPHASIZE THE NEED
AND THE IMPORTANCE OF AN ATMOSPHERE OF RECONCILIATION IN THE
NEGOTIATIONS AND GOOD WILL TO BE DISPLAYED BY GREECE AND
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GREEK CYPRIOTS SIDE IF SUCCESS IS TO BE HOPED FOR. SINCERELY,
SULEYMAN DEMIREL. END MESSAGE.
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